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QUOTE:

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SUBJ: HANDLING OF REPORT OF SECOND MEETING OF WORLD FOOD  
COUNCIL

REF: ROME 10998

1. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HARRY  
WALTERS (U.S.) WHO IS IN CHARGE IN ABSENCE OF WFC EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH (U.S.) AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
SARTAJ AZIZ (PAKISTAN), SAYS THAT THE GUINEA REPRESENTATIVE  
(CHAIRMAN OF GROUP-77 IN ROME) WANTS ECOSOC TO APPROVE THE  
G-77 RESOLUTIONS ATTACHED TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL REPORT.  
(COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE GUINEA REPRESENTATIVE  
WILL ATTEND THE ECOSOC SESSIONS OR WILL HAVE ANY INFLUENCE  
ON THEIR DELEGATION THERE. NEITHER CAMARA, CHAIRMAN OF G-77

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IN ROME, NOR FOFANA, HIS DEPUTY, ARE ACCREDITED BY THEIR  
GOVERNMENT TO FAO IN ANY WAY, EVEN AS ALTERNATES. THE

GUINEAN AMBASSADOR IS ACCREDITED AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE,

BUT NO ONE ELSE IS ACCREDITED IN ANY WAY. WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER CAMARA AND FAFANA SPOKE FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT. WE QUESTION FURTHER WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON THEIR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN THE ECOSOC MEETING).

2. WALTERS SAID THE YUGOSLAV PERMANENT REP HAD INDICATED HE BELIEVED HE COULD RALLY MOST OF THE ROME G-77 TO SUPPORT A LESSER ACTION OF EXTRACTING THE AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WFC REPORT FOR APPROVAL BY AN ECOSOC RESOLUTION. (WALTERS NOTED THIS HAD BEEN HIS OWN SUGGESTION DURING THE WFC MEETING, BUT SAID THE INITIATIVE THIS TIME WAS PURELY FROM THE YUGOSLAV). WALTERS SAID THE YUGOSLAV WAS WILLING TO MAKE THIS DEMARCHE ONLY IF IT WOULD BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THUS WALTERS ASKS FOR US VIEWS.

3. THE YUGOSLAV ALSO SUGGESTED SHIFTING THE SITE OF THE NEXT WFC MINISTERIAL MEETING FROM ROME TO MEXICO CITY OR MANILA, TO GET AWAY FROM THE RADICAL G-77 ELEMENTS IN ROME.

4. US REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO SAID HE WOULD SEEK US GOVERNMENT REACTION BUT TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS HIS OWN VIEW THAT IT IS OUT OF ORDER FOR THE WFC SECRETARIAT, G-77, OR ANY RUMP SESSION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF WFC MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHO MAY NOT BE SPEAKING UNDER GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTION, TO TRY TO ALTER OR ADD TO WHAT THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AGREED UPON. THEY CAN OF COURSE EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, BUT IT IS FOR THE GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE HOW TO ACT IN ECOSOC, THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES THERE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE US GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON A) THE YUGOSLAV SUGGESTION OF EXTRACTING AGREED ITEMS FROM THE WFC REPORT FOR ECOSOC ACTION, AND B) THE YUGOSLAV SUGGESTION THAT THE NEXT WFC MINISTERIAL MEETING BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY OR MANILA. BEAUDRY UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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